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Dear Sirs

## Hysan Development Company Limited, Exemption No. 82-1617

On behalf of Hysan Development Company Limited, a company incorporated in Hong Kong, I furnish a copy of the Announcement in relation to an option to receive shares in lieu of cash interim dividend for the six months ended 30 June 2005, that was published in the Hong Kong newspapers on 31 August 2005, for your kind attention and record.

Yours faithfully For and on behalf of HYSAN DEVELOPMENT COMPANY LIMITED

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## **Hysan Development Company Limited**

希慎興業有限公司

(Incorporated under Hong Kong Companies Ordinance, Cap. 32 with limited liability)
(Stock Code: 00014)

## INTERIM DIVIDEND FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2005 OPTION TO RECEIVE SHARES IN LIEU OF CASH DIVIDEND CALCULATION OF MARKET VALUE

On 9 August 2005, the Board of Directors of Hysan Development Company Limited (the "Company") has declared an interim dividend for the six months ended 30 June 2005 of HK10 cents per ordinary share ("Share(s)") in the capital of the Company, payable to shareholders whose names appeared on the Register of Members on 30 August 2005. Eligible shareholders may elect to receive such dividend in the form of cash or in the form of new shares, or a combination of these.

The number of new shares of par value HK\$5.00 each ("New Shares") to be allotted to shareholders who elect to receive their dividends in scrip is calculated by dividing the total amount of the cash dividend which each of them would otherwise have been entitled to receive by the market value of a New Share (the "Market Value").

The Market Value has been determined to be HK\$19.19, being the average of the closing prices of the Shares on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited ("Stock Exchange") for the five consecutive Stock Exchange dealing days commencing on Wednesday, 24 August 2005 (the first day the Shares traded ex dividend).

The formula used for calculating the entitlement is as follows:

Number of Shares held as at 30 August 2005 x HK10 cents = Maximum dividend available

Maximum dividend available
Market Value (HK\$19.19)

maximum number of New Shares (rounded down to the nearest whole number)

Fractions of New Shares will not be allotted to shareholders and entitlements to Shares will be rounded down to the nearest whole number. Fractional entitlements will be aggregated and sold for the benefit of the Company.

Application has been made to the Stock Exchange for listing of and permission to deal in the New Shares. A circular to shareholders giving details of the scrip dividend, together with an election form, will be sent to eligible shareholders on a about Tuesday, 6 September 2005. Shareholders with registered addresses in the United States of America or any of its territories or possessions or Canada will be excluded from receiving the form of election and will only receive the interim dividend wholly in cash. Having obtained and taken into consideration legal opinions in those jurisdictions, the Directors considered such exclusion to be necessary and expedient pursuant to Rule 13.36(2) of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange. Shareholders who wish to receive, in lieu of the cash dividend, in whole or in part, an allotment of New Shares should complete and sign the form of election and return it to the Share Registrars and Transfer office of the Company, Standard Registrars Limited, G/F., Bank of East Asia Harbour View Centre, 56 Gloucester Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong no later than 4:00 p.m. on Monday, 26 September 2005. Shareholders who wish to receive the whole of the interim dividend in cash should NOT complete the form of election. It is expected that cheques for cash entitlements and/or (subject to such application being granted) definitive share certificates for the New Shares will commence (subject to the proper receipt of share certificates for the New Shares by the relevant shareholders of the Company). The New Shares will, on allotment and issue, rank pari passu in all respects with the existing Shares save that they will not rank for the interim dividend for the six months ended 30 June 2005.

As at the date of this announcement, the Board of Directors comprises (Chairman) Peter Ting Chang Lee; (Independent non-executive Deputy Chairman) Sir David Akers-Jones; (Managing Director) Michael Tze Hau Lee; (Independent non-executive Directors) Per Jorgensen, David Muir Turnbull and Dr. Geoffrey Meou-tsen Yeh; (Non-executive Directors) Fa-kuang Hu, Hans Michael Jebsen, Anthony Hsien Pin Lee, Chien Lee, Dr. Deanna Ruth Tak Yung Rudgard; and (Executive Director) Pauline Wah Ling Yu Wong.

By order of the Board Wendy W.Y. Yung Company Secretary

Hong Kong, 30 August 2005